

COLUMBIA COUNTY
RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(Revision September 2004)

SECTION I - DEFINITION

"Emergency Management" means the preparation for the carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from emergencies, energy emergencies, disasters, or the imminent threat thereof, of manmade or natural origin"... "These functions include, without limitation, fire-fighting services; police services [public safety]; medical and health services; rescue; engineering; warning services; communications; defense from radiological, chemical, and other special weapons; evacuation of persons from stricken areas; emergency welfare services; emergency transportation; [nuclear power] plant protection; temporary restoration of public service utility services; and other functions related to civilian protection, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of the foregoing functions." (*Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, As Amended December 1992, Chapter 3, Article 1, 38-3-3.*)

SECTION II - LOCAL ORGANIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

"In cases where a county [local government] has an organization for emergency management, such organization shall include participation by each city within the county unless the governing authority of any particular city elects to implement its own organization for emergency management. Any two or more of the above-mentioned political subdivisions may, with the approval of the [Georgia Emergency Management Agency] director, contract with each other so as to form one emergency management organization for the entire area included in the bounds of the contracting political subdivisions. The chairman of the county commission, with concurrence of the mayors of cities within the county, shall nominate for appointment, by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Director, a director of emergency management for the entire county. Upon appointment, the local emergency management agency director shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operations of the local organization for emergency management, subject to the direction and control of the executive officer or governing body and shall serve at the pleasure of such executive officer or governing body. The local director shall:

- *maintain an emergency management office in a building owned or leased by the political subdivision and the director or designee shall be available or on call at all times beyond working hours*
- *develop, in conjunction with public and private agencies/organizations that have responsibility for designated emergency support functions, plans for responding to and recovering from disasters [and/or emergencies]*
- *respond to emergency scenes, command posts, and operation centers*
- *coordinate emergency response of public and private agencies and organizations*
- *attend training and meetings convened by the appointing authority or the (state emergency management) director*
- *develop or cause to be developed, in collaboration with other public and private agencies within the state, mutual aid arrangements, consistent with state plans and programs, for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance in case of emergency or disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted*
- *enter into mutual aid agreements, subject to approval of the GEMA Director, with emergency management agencies or organizations in other states for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance in case of emergency or disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted (Chapter 3, Article 3, 38-3-27 and 38-3-29.)*

SECTION III - LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS

Each political subdivision shall have the emergency management power and authority to: *appropriate and expend funds; execute contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to victims; direct and coordinate development of local emergency management plans and programs in accordance with federal and state policies and plans; appoint, employ, remove or provide, with or without compensation, chiefs of services, warning personnel, rescue teams, auxiliary fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers; establish a primary and one or more secondary control centers to serve as command posts; and acquire, temporarily or permanently, by purchase, lease or otherwise [identify] sites required for installation of temporary housing units and prepare or equip such sites.* (Chapter 3, Article 2, 38-3-27.)

SECTION IV-LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A county or municipality shall be entitled to receive [federal disaster] funds if the local emergency management organization has met all state and federal requirements to receive such funds. Qualifications include: *legal establishment of an emergency management organization by local ordinance or resolution; a legally appointed local director who has been appointed by the Governor; an approved emergency and disaster plan with all applicable annexes [Emergency Support Functions]; and an approved fiscal year program and other necessary compliance documents.* (Chapter 3, Article 2, 38-3-27.)

SECTION V - IMMUNITY OF STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

"Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state, nor the agents or representatives of the state or any political subdivision thereof, shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or acting as a volunteer emergency management worker or member of any agency engaged in emergency management activity." *Immunity does not apply in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith.* (Chapter 3, Article 2, 38-3-35.)

SECTION VI - LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY PLAN

The Columbia County Emergency Management Agency has developed, in partnership with local government and community agencies/organizations, which have primary and secondary responsibility for emergency support functions, an approved emergency management plan. A copy of this plan and/or major revisions are being submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency by the local Emergency Management Agency Director, in coordination with the undersigned local government officials or legally appointed successors. It is understood that the Georgia Emergency Management Agency will review this plan for compliance with all federal and state requirements.

COMPOSITION, EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS:

Emergency Support Function:

Department/Agency with Primary and Support Responsibility for Each Function:

ESF 1 Transportation Services

Board of Education – Primary

Public Transit – Support
Gold Cross EMS – Support

ESF 2 Communications and Warning

9-1-1 Communications Center – Primary

Emergency Management Agency– Support
Grovetown Department of Public Safety - Support
Harlem Department of Public Safety – Support
Martinez Fire Department – Support
Gold Cross EMS – Support

ESF 3A Public Works and Engineering Services

Construction & Maintenance Division - Primary

Engineering & Environmental Services Division – Support
Water & Sewerage Division – Support
City of Grovetown – Support
City of Harlem - Support

ESF 3B Energy

Construction & Maintenance Division – Primary

Emergency Management Agency – Support
Engineering & Environmental Services Division – Support
Water & Sewerage Division – Support
Tax Assessor's Office – Support
Atlanta Gas Light – Support
BellSouth – Support
Georgia Power Company – Support
Jefferson Electric Company - Support
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ESF 4A Fire Fighting Services

Martinez Fire Department – Primary

North Columbia Fire & Rescue – Support
Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support
Harlem Department of Public Safety - Support
Forestry Service – Support

ESF 4B Search & Rescue

Martinez Fire Department – Primary

North Columbia Fire & Rescue – Support
Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support
Harlem Department of Public Safety - Support
Forestry Service – Support
Columbia County Sheriff's Office – Support
Emergency Management Agency (Dive Team) - Support

ESF 4C Hazardous Materials

Martinez Fire Department – Primary

North Columbia Fire & Rescue – Support
Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support
Harlem Department of Public Safety - Support
Water & Sewerage Division – Support
Construction & Maintenance Division – Support

ESF 5A Law Enforcement

Sheriff's Office – Primary

Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support
Harlem Department of Public Safety – Support

ESF 5B Victim Recovery

Sheriff's Office – Primary

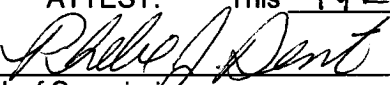
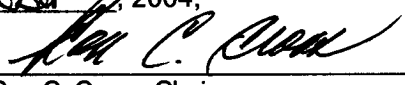
Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support

	Harlem Department of Public Safety – Support Coroner's Office – Support Martinez Fire Department – Support North Columbia Fire & Rescue – Support Gold Cross EMA - Support Emergency Management Agency (Dive Team) - Support
ESF 5C Deceased ID & Mortuary	Coroner's Office – Primary Sheriff's Office – Support Grovetown Public Safety Dept. – Support Harlem Department of Public Safety - Support Gold Cross EMS – Support
ESF 6A Information & Planning	Emergency Management Agency – Primary County Administrator – Support
ESF 6B Resource Support	Emergency Management Agency – Primary County Administrator – Support City of Grovetown – Support City of Harlem – Support Finance Division – Support Management Services Division – Support
ESF 6C Evacuation	Emergency Management Agency – Primary Sheriff's Office – Support Grovetown Department of Public Safety – Support Harlem Department of Public Safety – Support Martinez Fire Department – Support North Columbia Fire Department – Support Construction & Maintenance Division – Support
ESF 6D Public Information	Emergency Management Agency – Primary County Administrator – Support Board of Commissioners – Support City of Grovetown – Support City of Harlem – Support
ESF 6E Damage Assessment	Emergency Management Agency – Primary Tax Assessor's Office – Support Construction & Maintenance Division – Support Planning & Development Division – Support Water & Sewerage Division – Support Finance Division – Support Engineering & Environmental Services Division – Support
ESF 6F Mass Care	Dept. of Family & Children Services – Primary Emergency Management Agency – Support Columbia County Health Department – Support Board of Education – Support Community & Leisure Services – Support Red Cross – Augusta Chapter – Support
ESF 6G Food Services	Dept. of Family & Children Services – Primary Golden Harvest Food Bank – Support Red Cross – Augusta Chapter – Support Board of Education – Support Columbia County Health Department - Support
ESF 7 Volunteer Services	Emergency Management Agency – Primary

	Golden Harvest Food Bank – Support Red Cross – Augusta Chapter – Support United Way of the CSRA – Support Columbia County Health Department - Support
ESF 8 Public Health, Environmental, & Medical Services	Columbia County Health Department – Primary Emergency Management Agency – Support Gold Cross EMS – Support Red Cross – Augusta Chapter – Support
ESF 9 Animals and Animal Industry	Animal Care & Control Department – Primary Sheriff's Office - Support Emergency Management Agency – Support

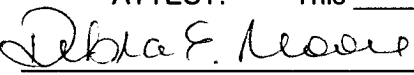

As authorized local government officials, we understand and agree to the requirements of the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, amended, December 1992, as stated in this resolution.

ATTEST: This 19th day of October, 2004,

 _____ Clerk of Commission	 _____ Ron C. Cross, Chairman Columbia County Board of Commissioners
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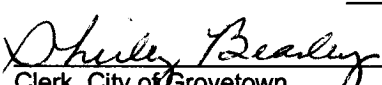
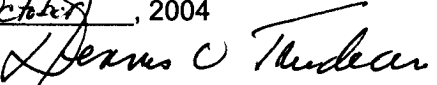
The foregoing Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia, having been presented to the Council of Harlem, Georgia, and the same having been adopted as a Resolution of the Council, the same is adopted.

ATTEST: This 12th day of October, 2004

 _____ Clerk, City of Harlem	 _____ Mayor Scott Dean, City of Harlem
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The foregoing Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia, having been presented to the Council of Grovetown, Georgia, and the same having been adopted as a Resolution of the Council, the same is adopted.

ATTEST: This 11th day of October, 2004

 _____ Clerk, City of Grovetown	 _____ Mayor Dennis Trudeau, City of Grovetown
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